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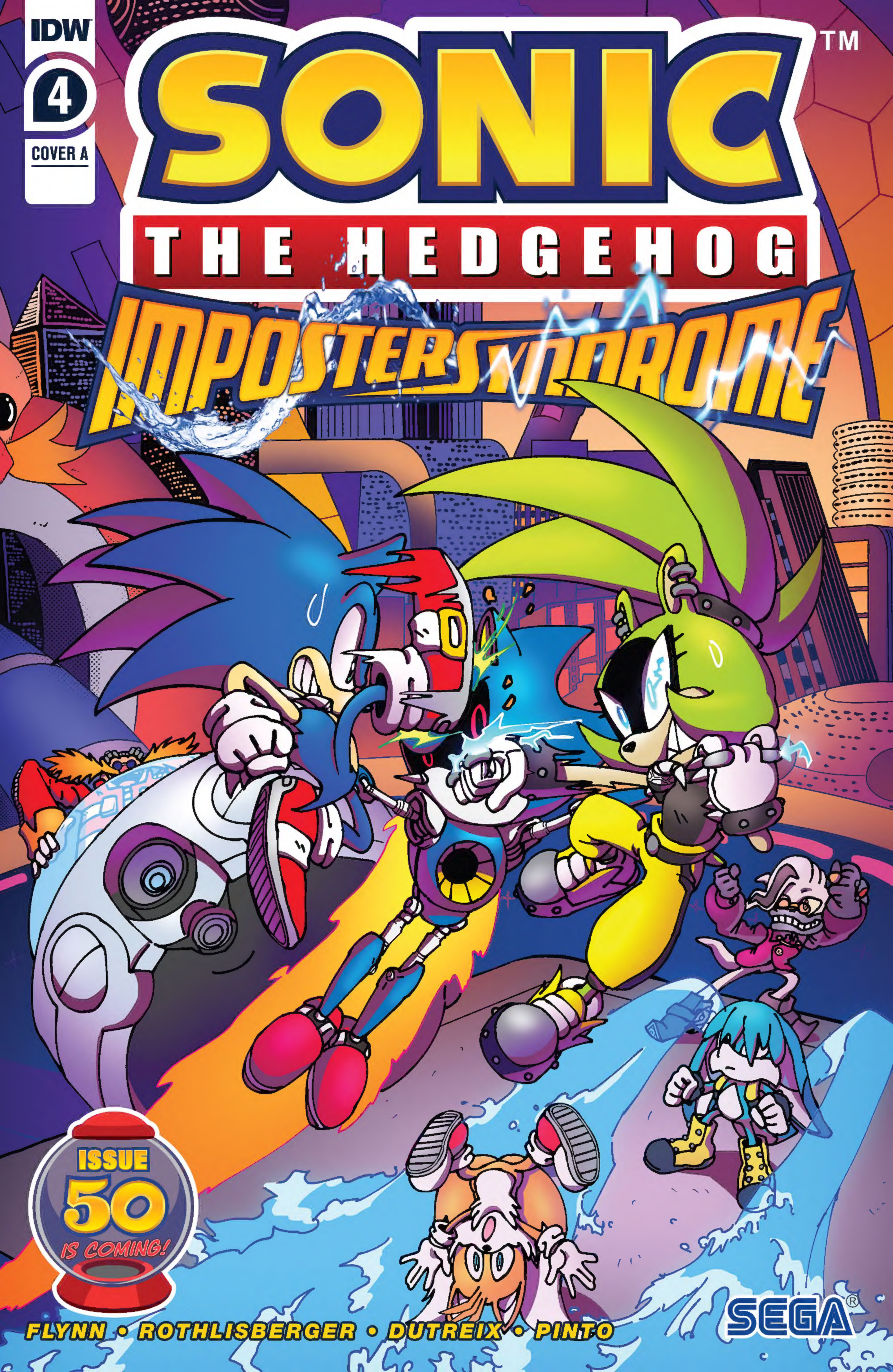
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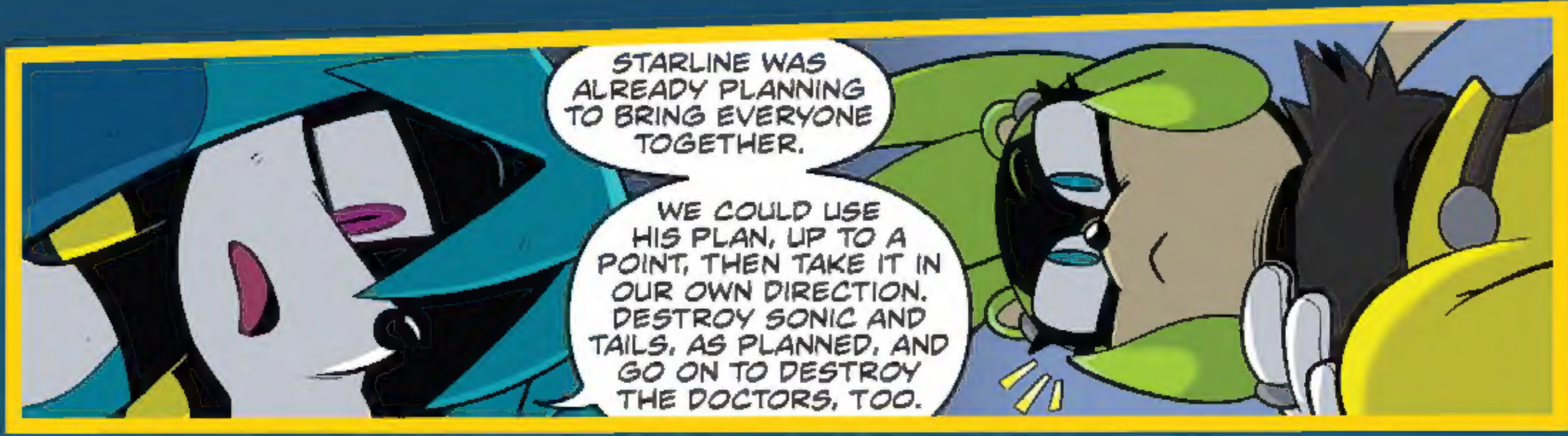
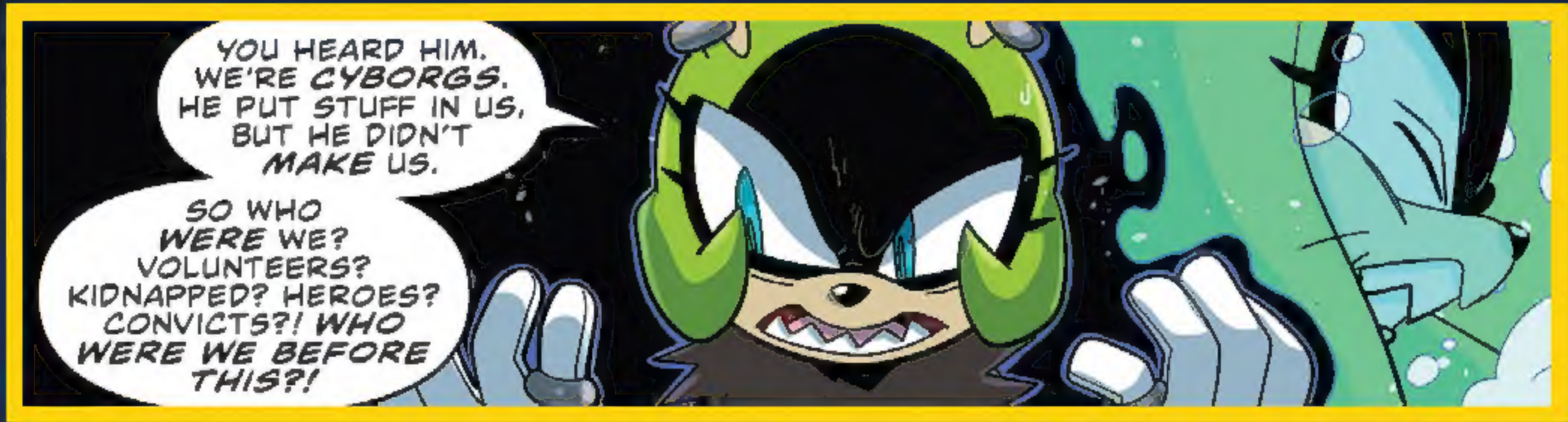
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STORY SO FAR





DR. STARLINE

Theatrical Scientist.
Nefarious puppeteer.



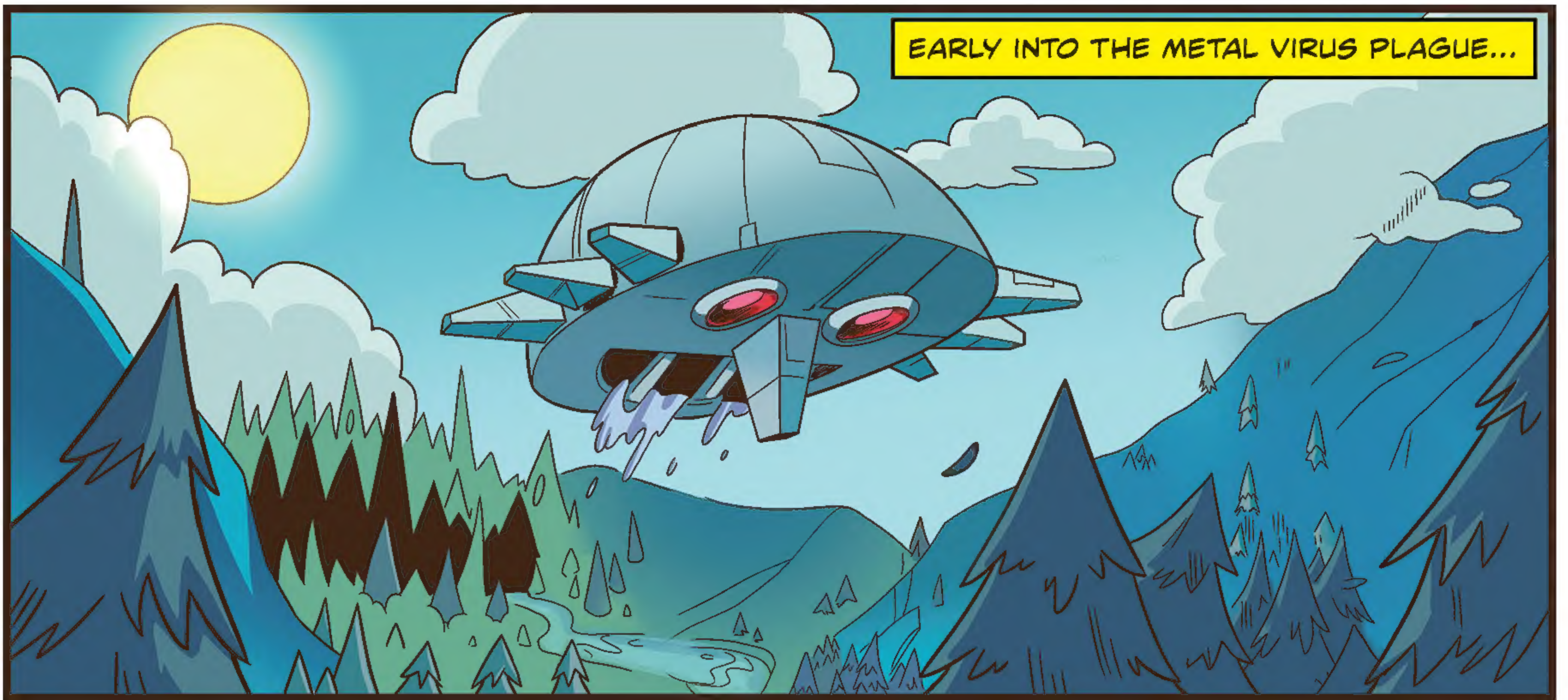
SURGE THE TENREC

The Mean Green.
Roguish speedster.



KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC

Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hydromancer.



EARLY INTO THE METAL VIRUS PLAGUE...

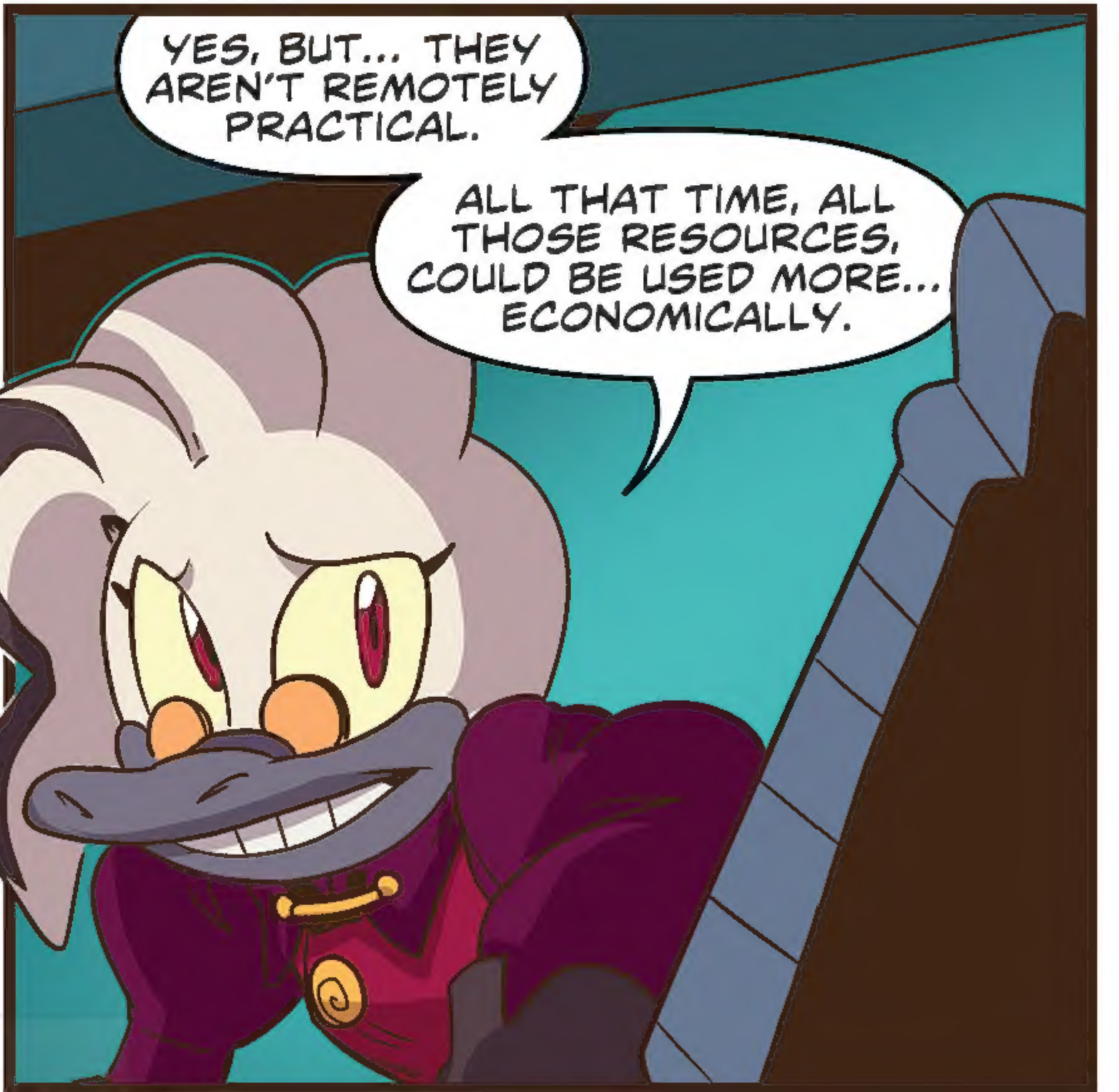


MAY I ASK A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR METHODS, SIR?

YOU MAY.

WHY ALL THE THEME PARKS?

I LIKE THEME PARKS.



YES, BUT... THEY AREN'T REMOTELY PRACTICAL.

ALL THAT TIME, ALL THOSE RESOURCES, COULD BE USED MORE... ECONOMICALLY.

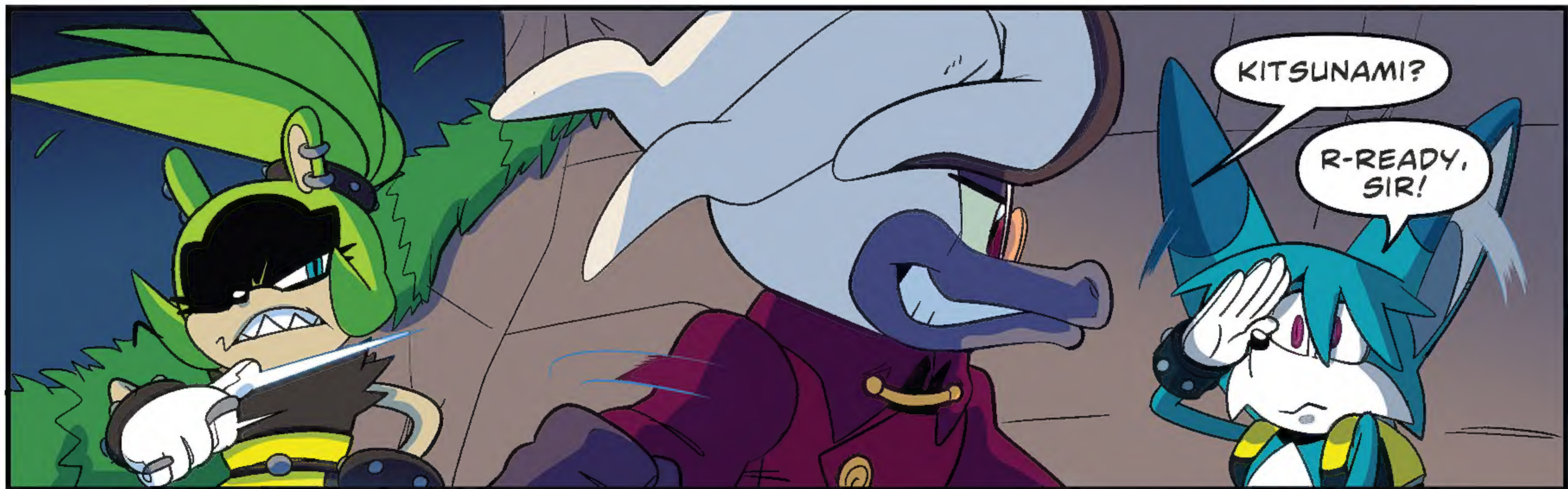
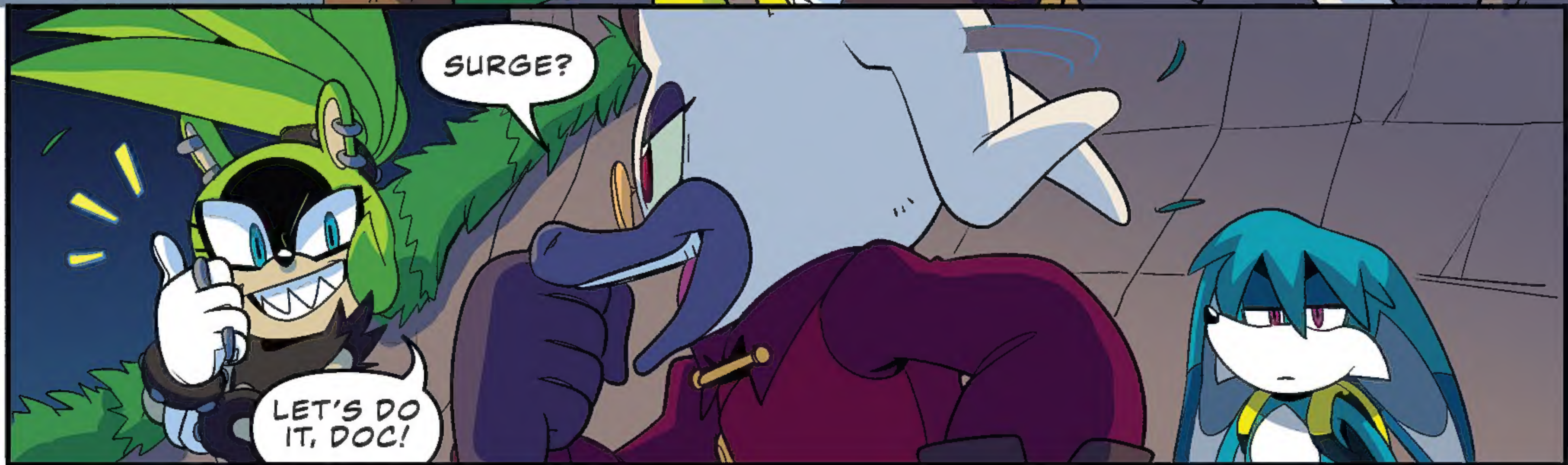


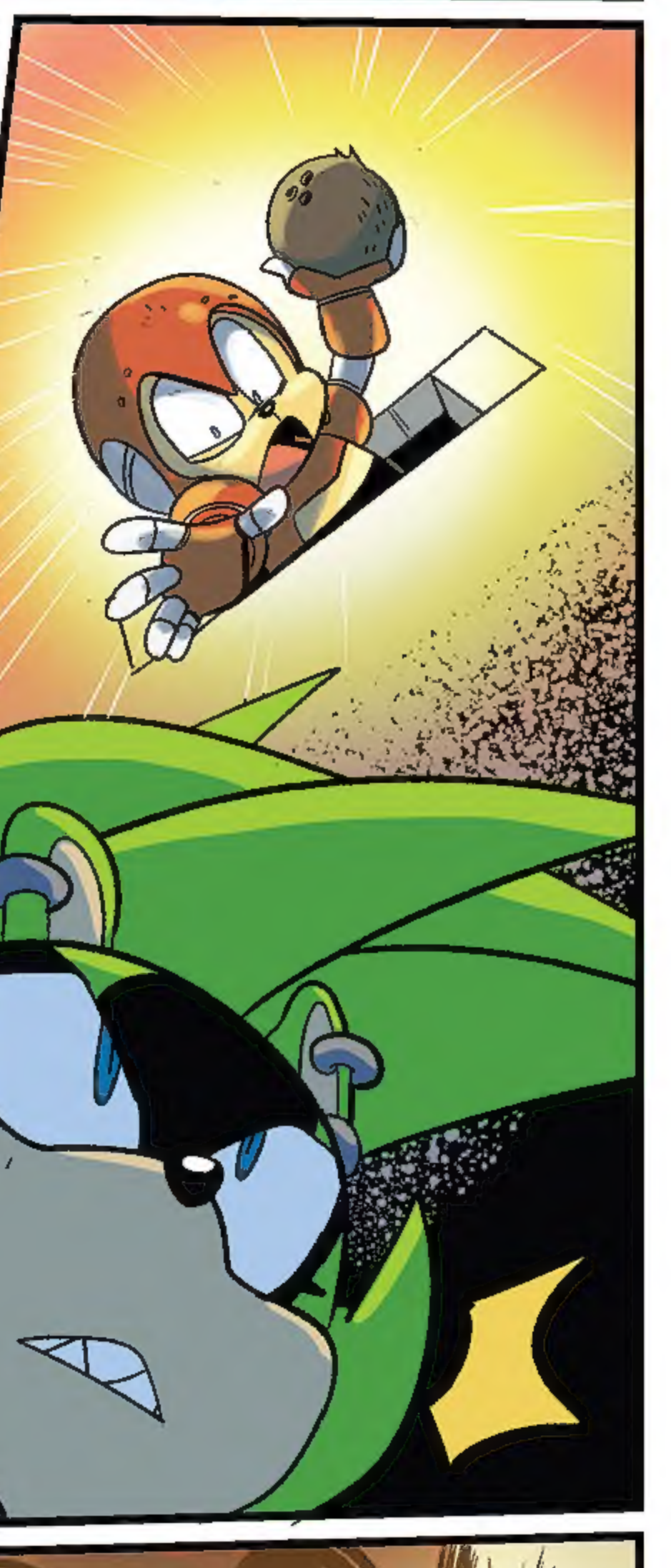
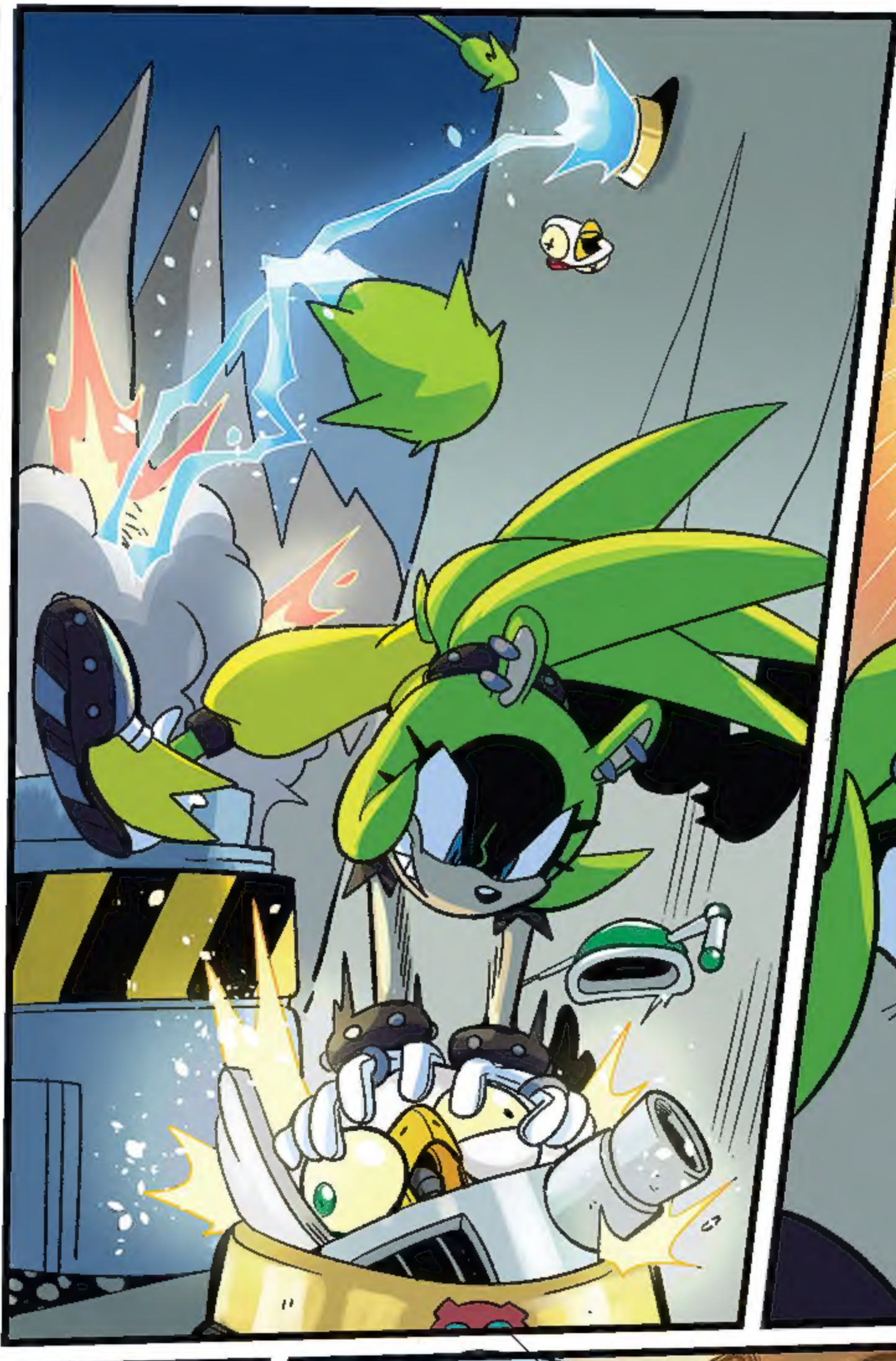
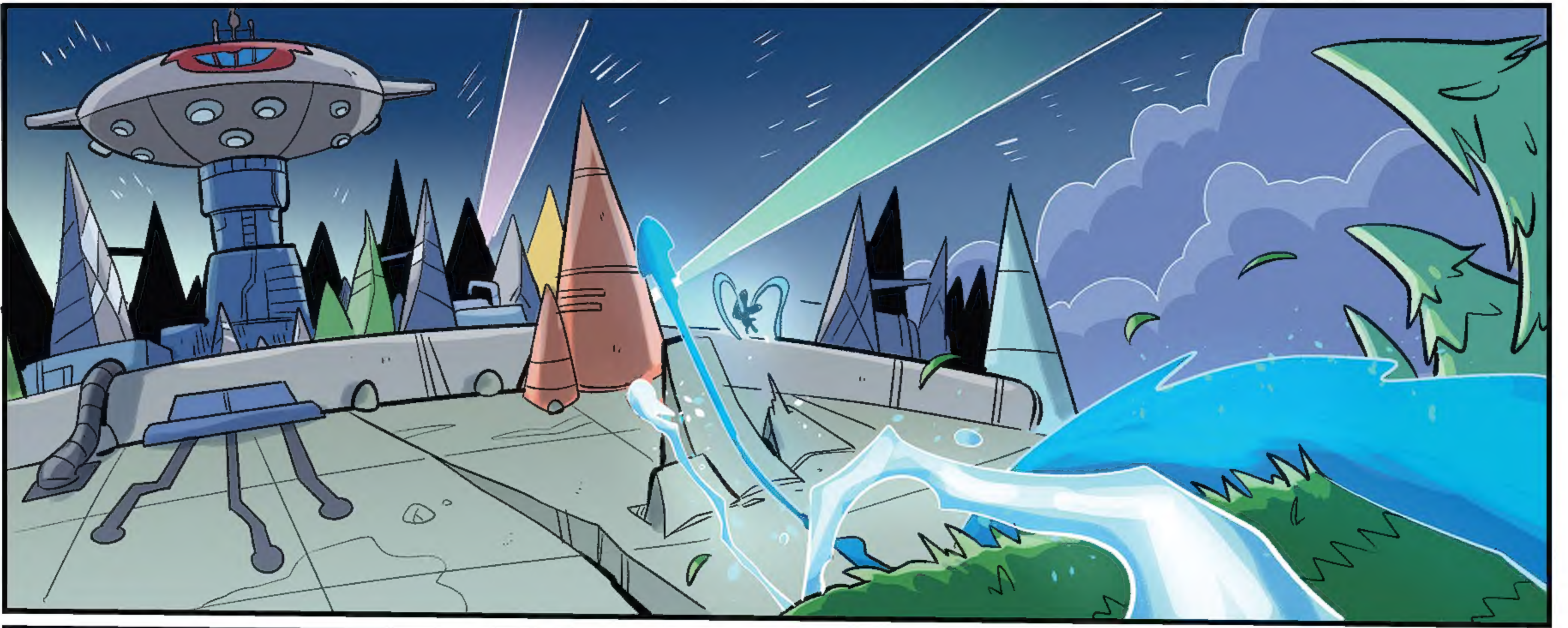
I DON'T SETTLE FOR THE WORLD AS IT IS, DOCTOR. I MAKE IT WHAT I WANT IT TO BE.

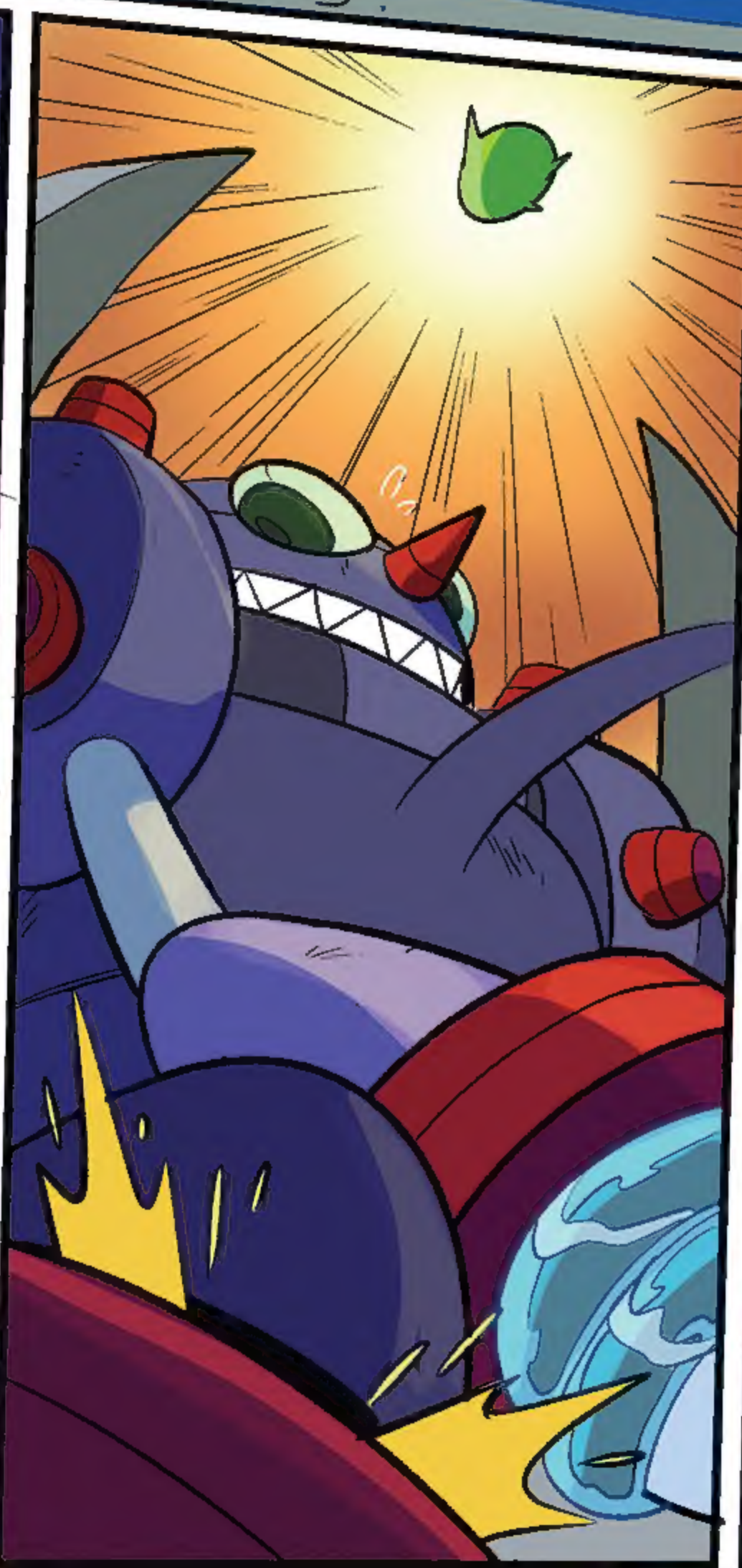
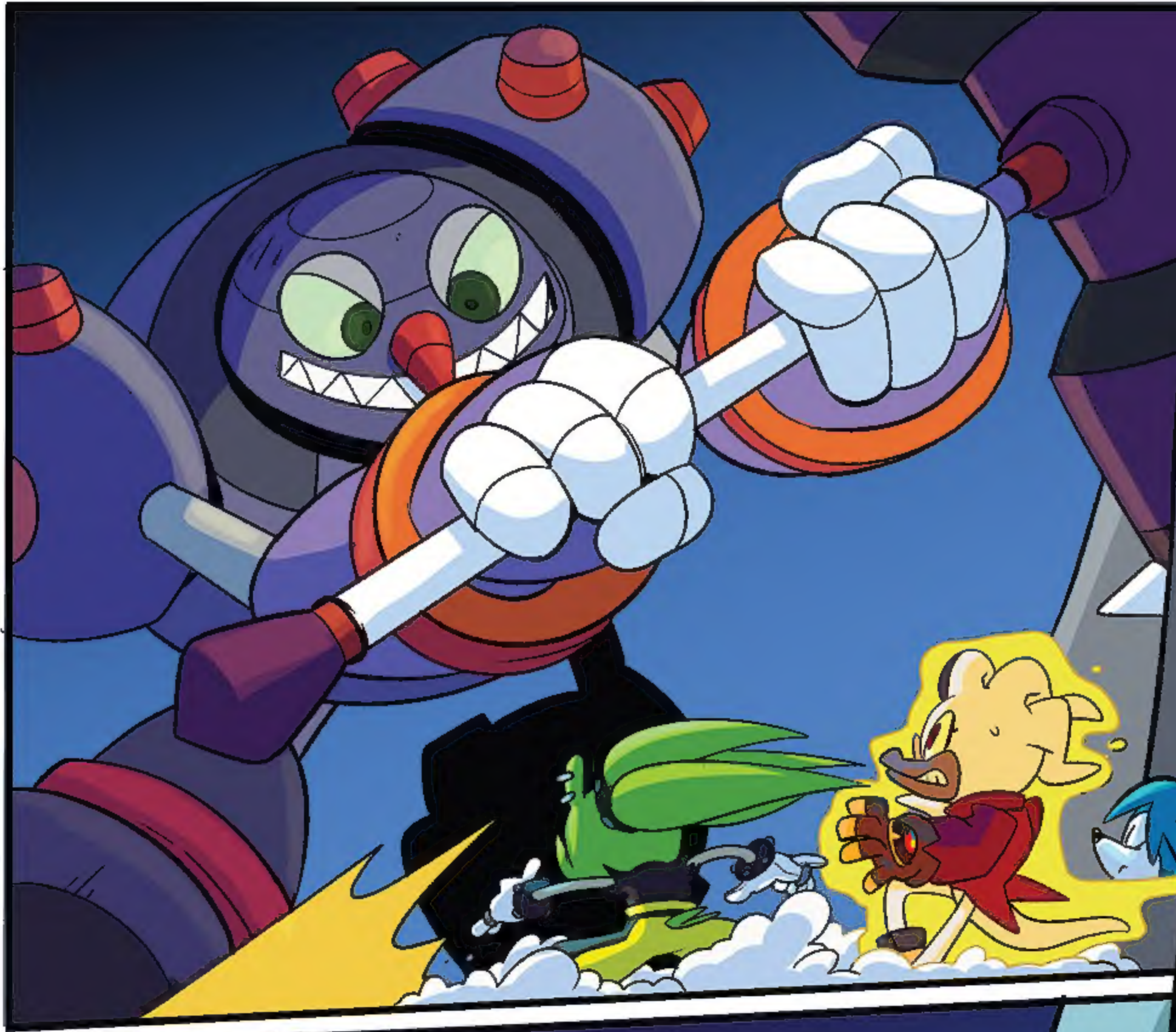
IF I WANT MY ENEMIES' LAST MOMENTS TO BE CAROUSEL MUSIC AND THE SMELL OF PETROLEUM-BASED COTTON CANDY, THAT'S WHAT I'LL MAKE HAPPEN.

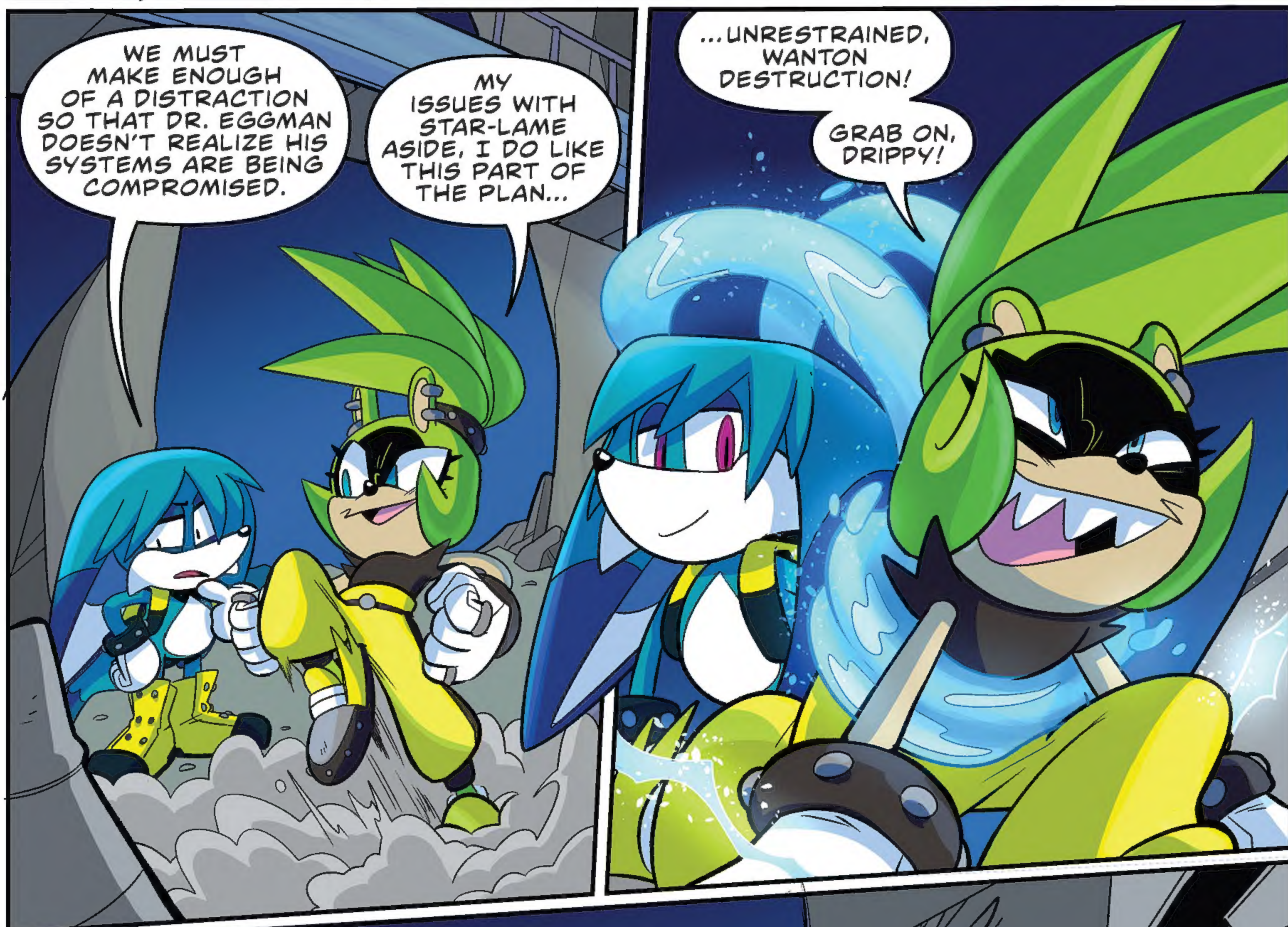
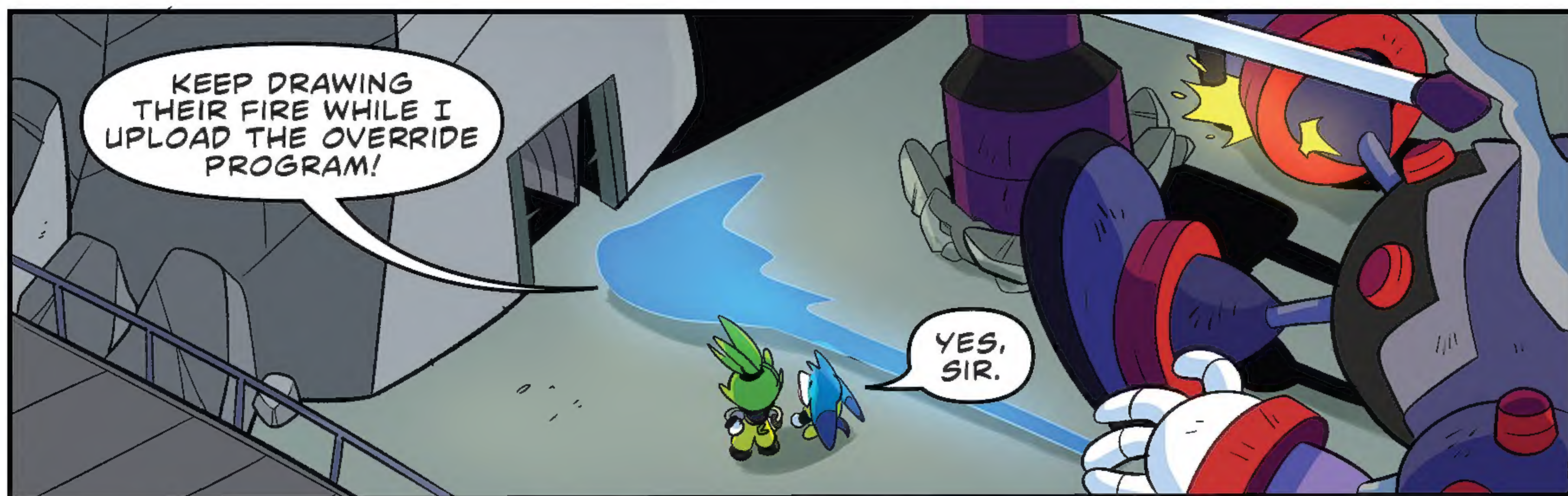


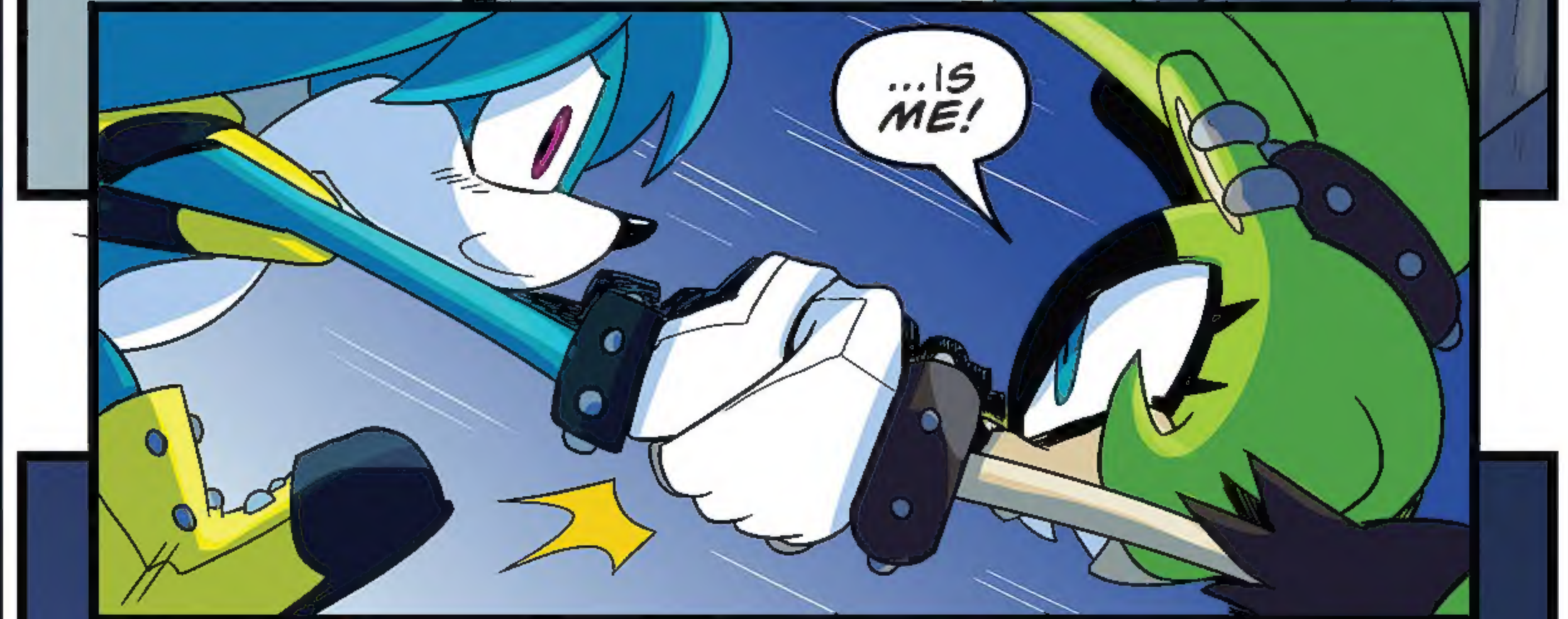
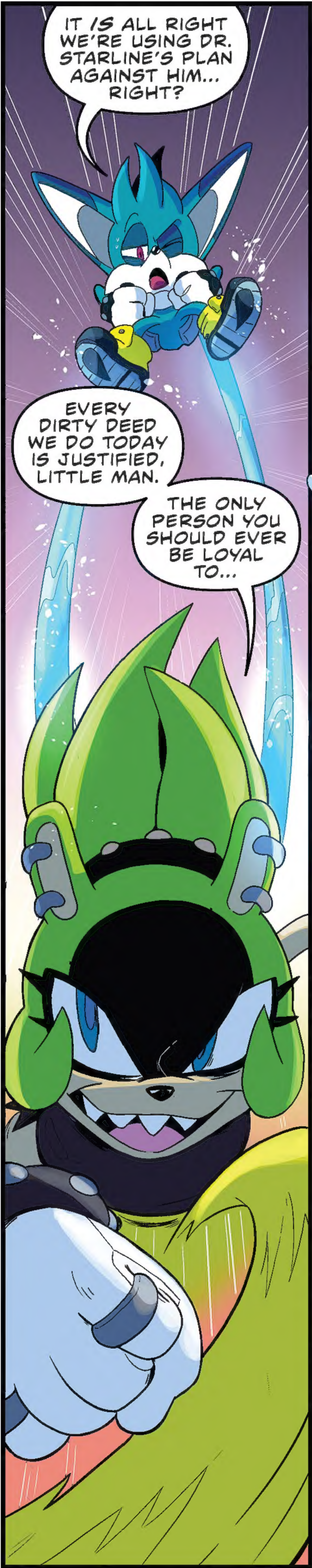
WORDS TO LIVE BY, SIR!













DO YOU THINK THE BOSS WILL BE MAD WE WENT ON VACATION WITHOUT ASKING PERMISSION?*

I SAY WE HAVE FIFTY-FIFTY ODDS HE DIDN'T NOTICE WE WERE GONE. IF HE DIDN'T, WE'RE IN THE CLEAR.

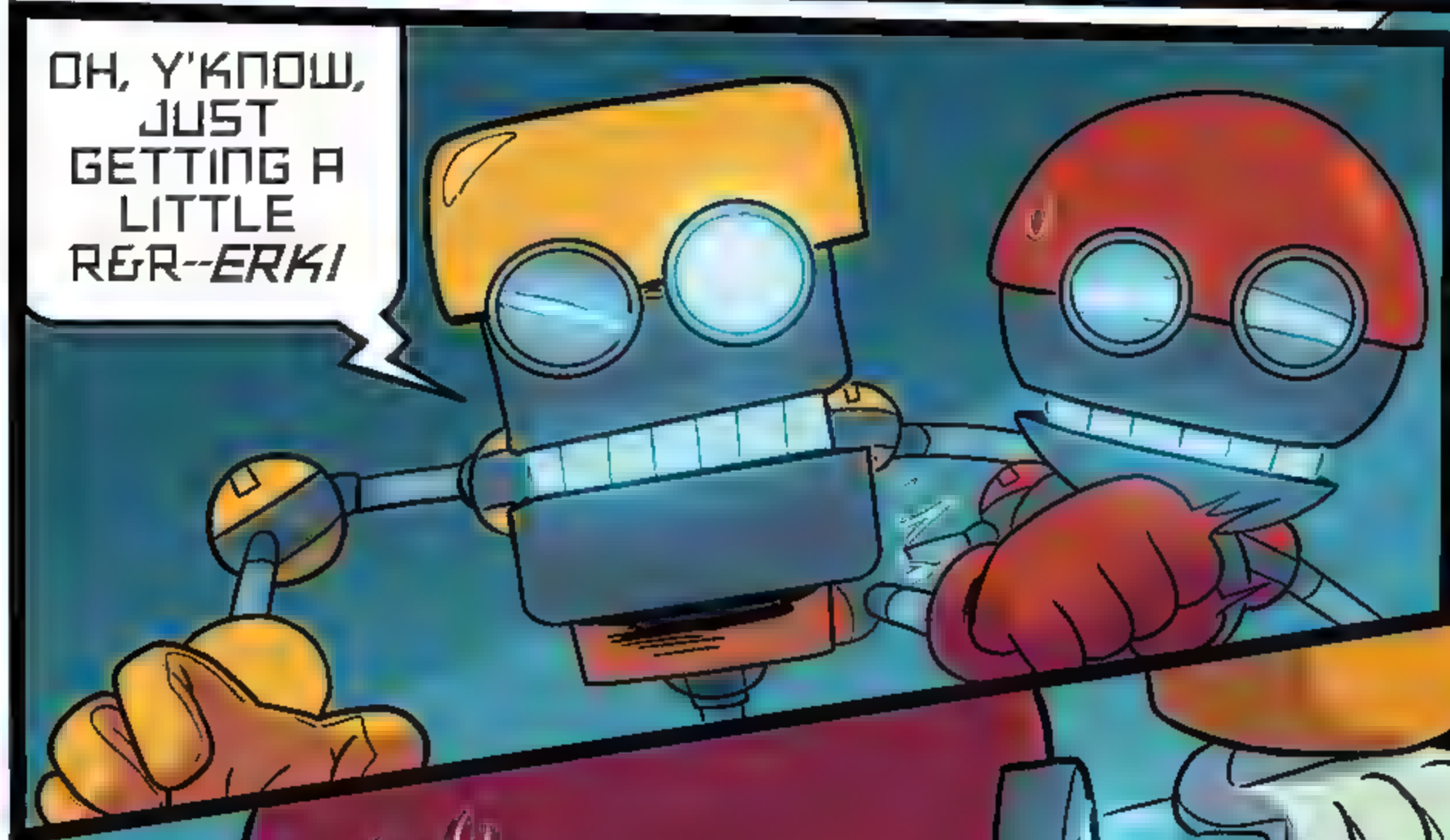
AND IF HE DID?

THEN IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU, PAL.

*STH #40--EDS.



WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!



OH, Y'KNOW, JUST GETTING A LITTLE R&R--ERKI



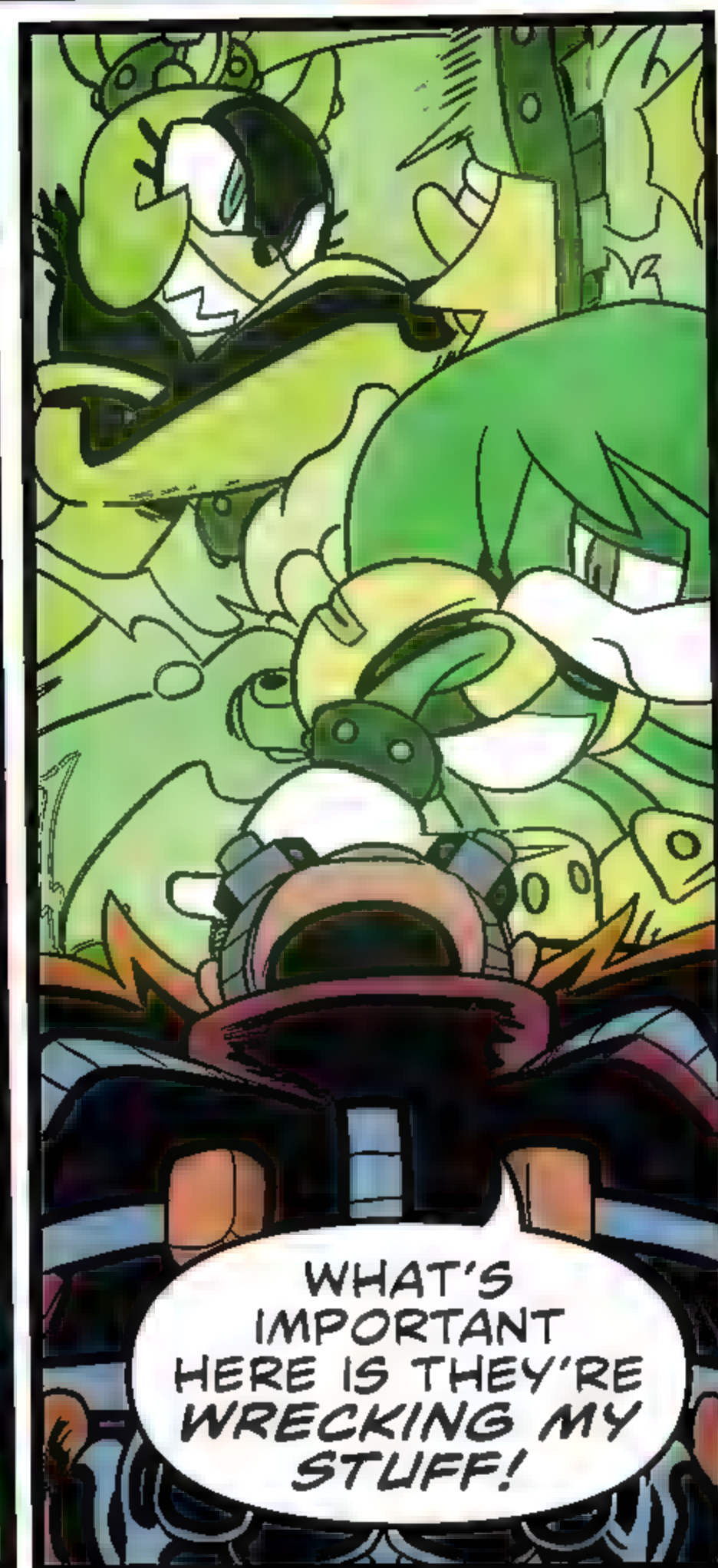
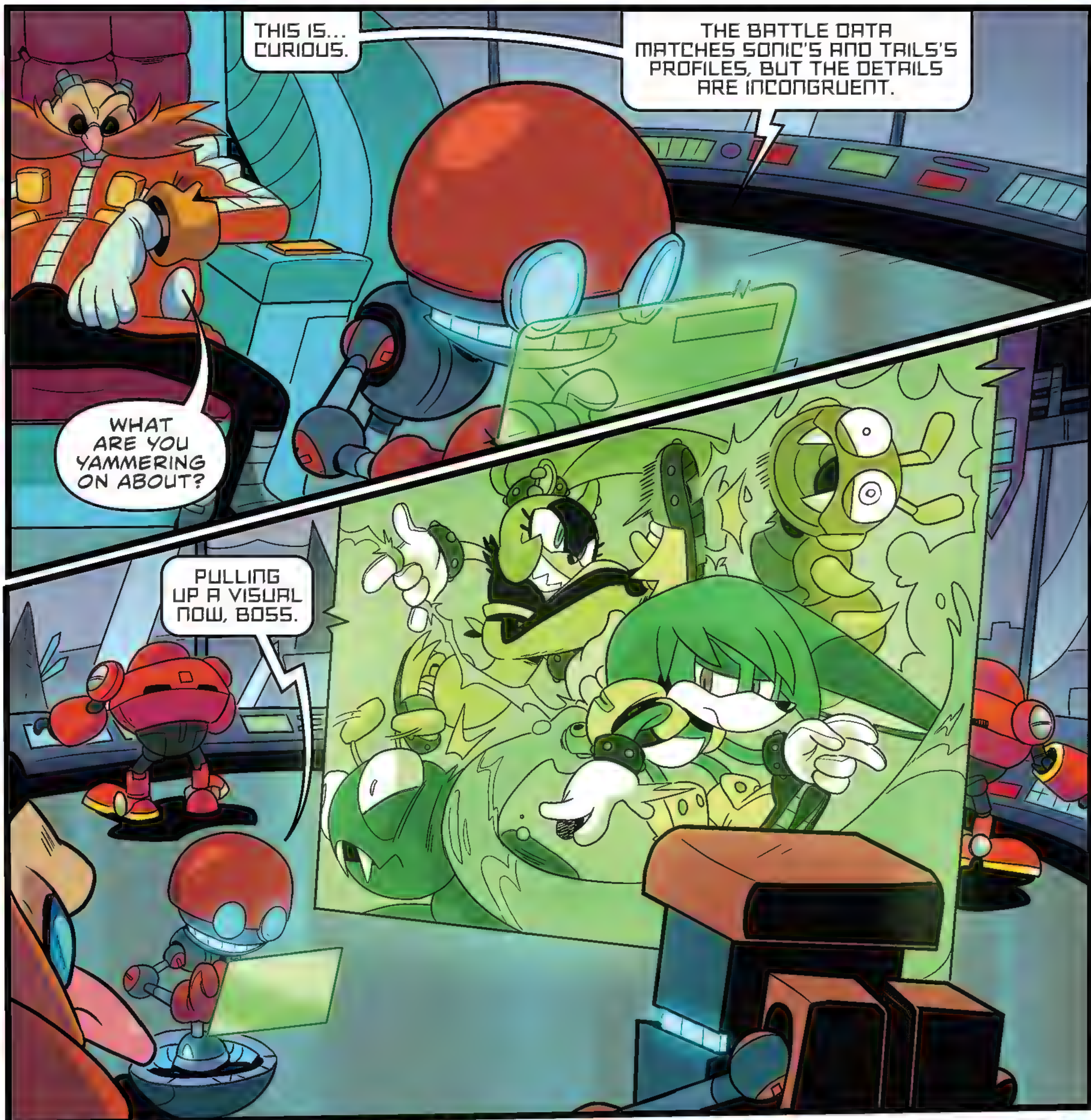
WHAT HE MEANS IS WE WERE CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE AND...

...MORE RECONNAISSANCE?



WHATEVER. JUST LOG BACK INTO THE NETWORK AND GET ME A SITREP.

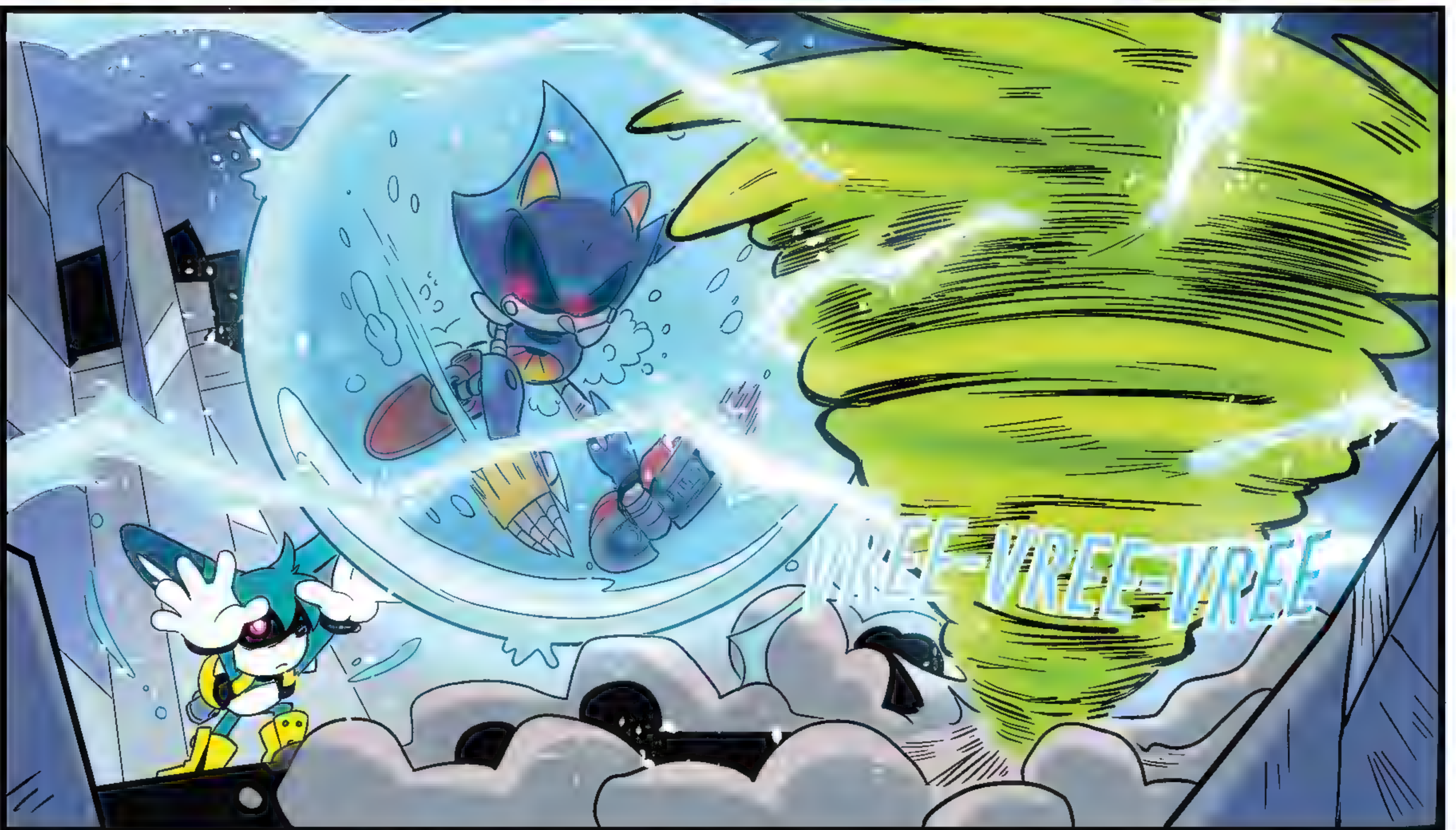
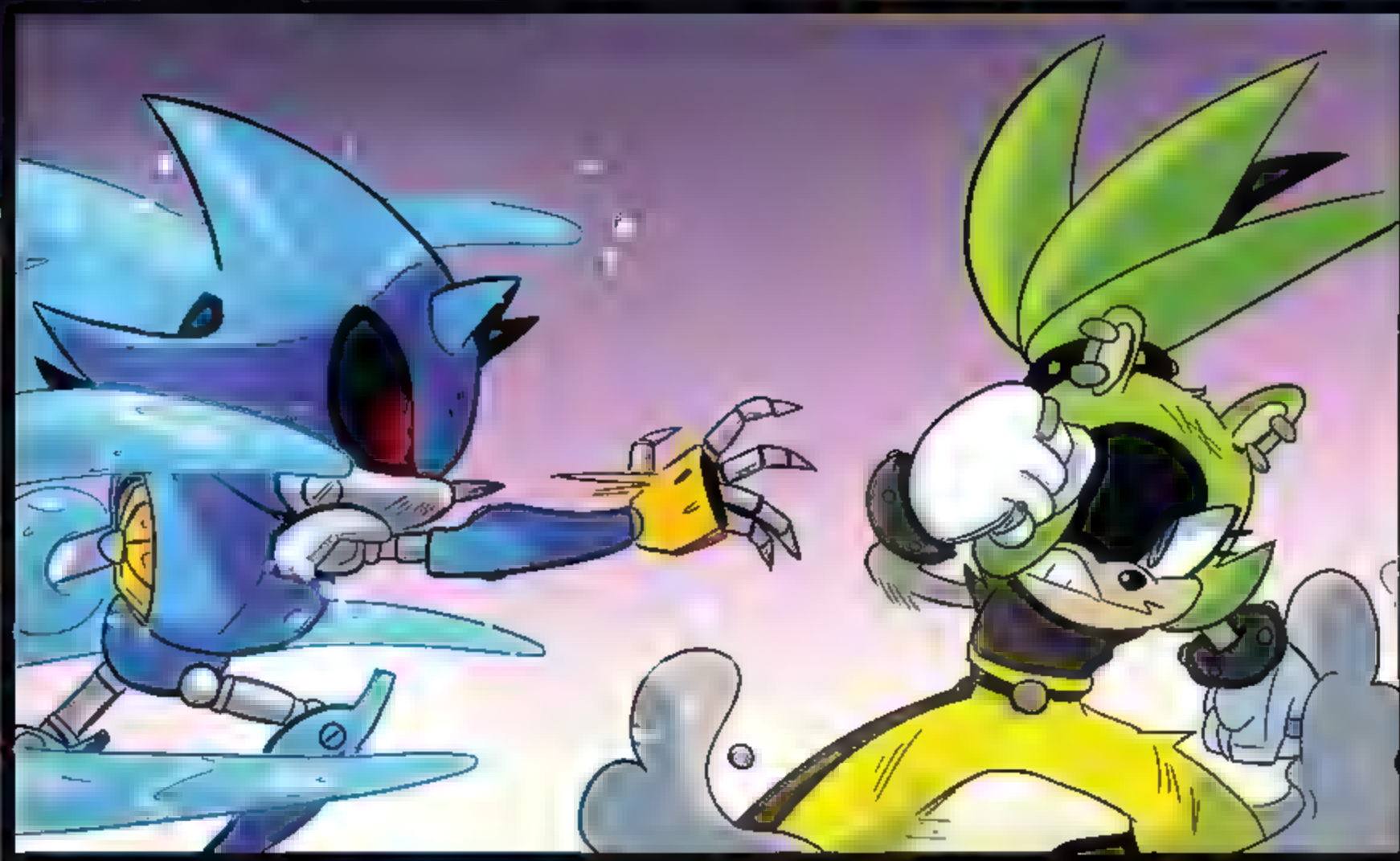
I'M GETTING REPORTS SONIC AND TAILS ARE MAKING A MESS.

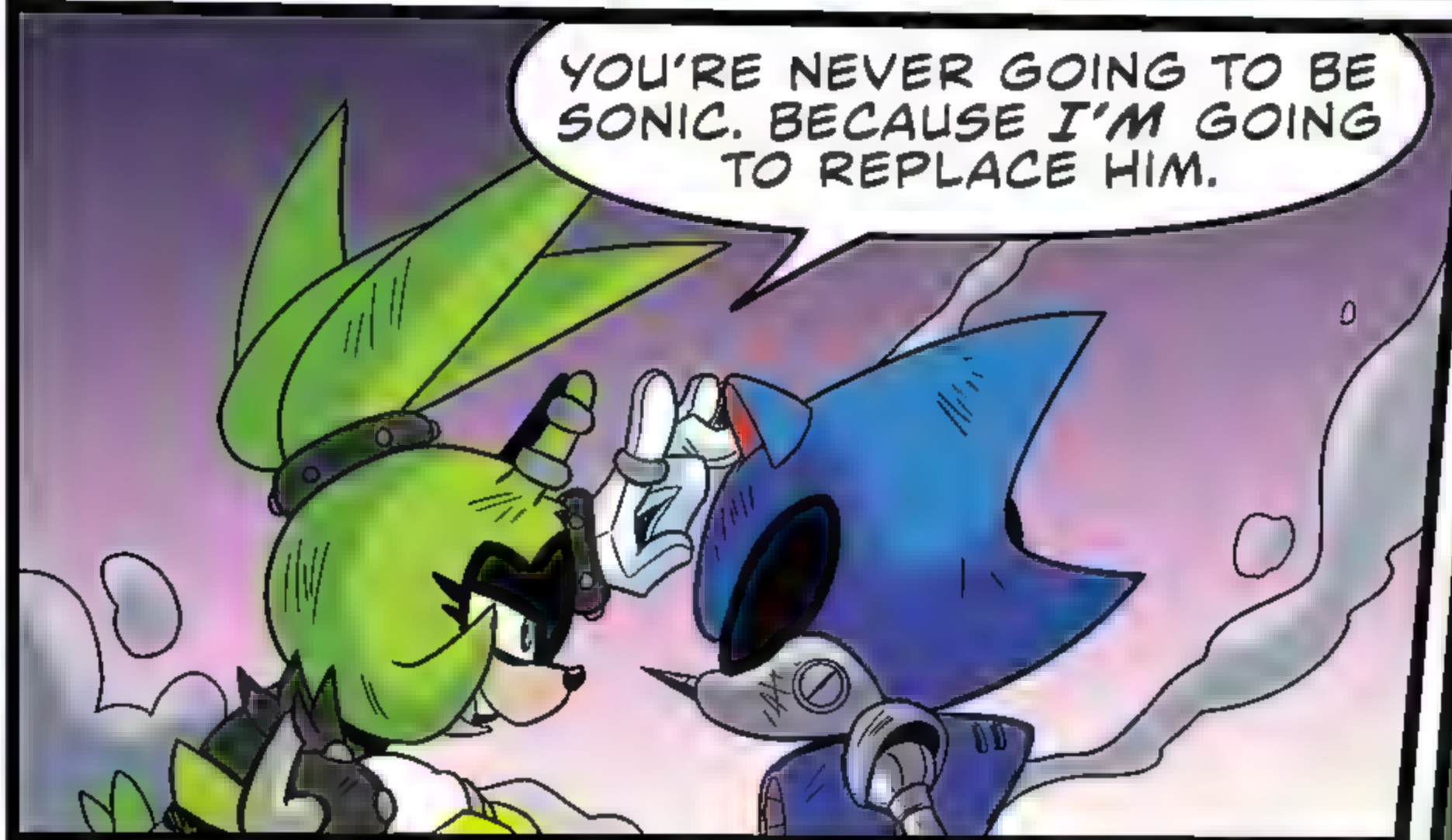
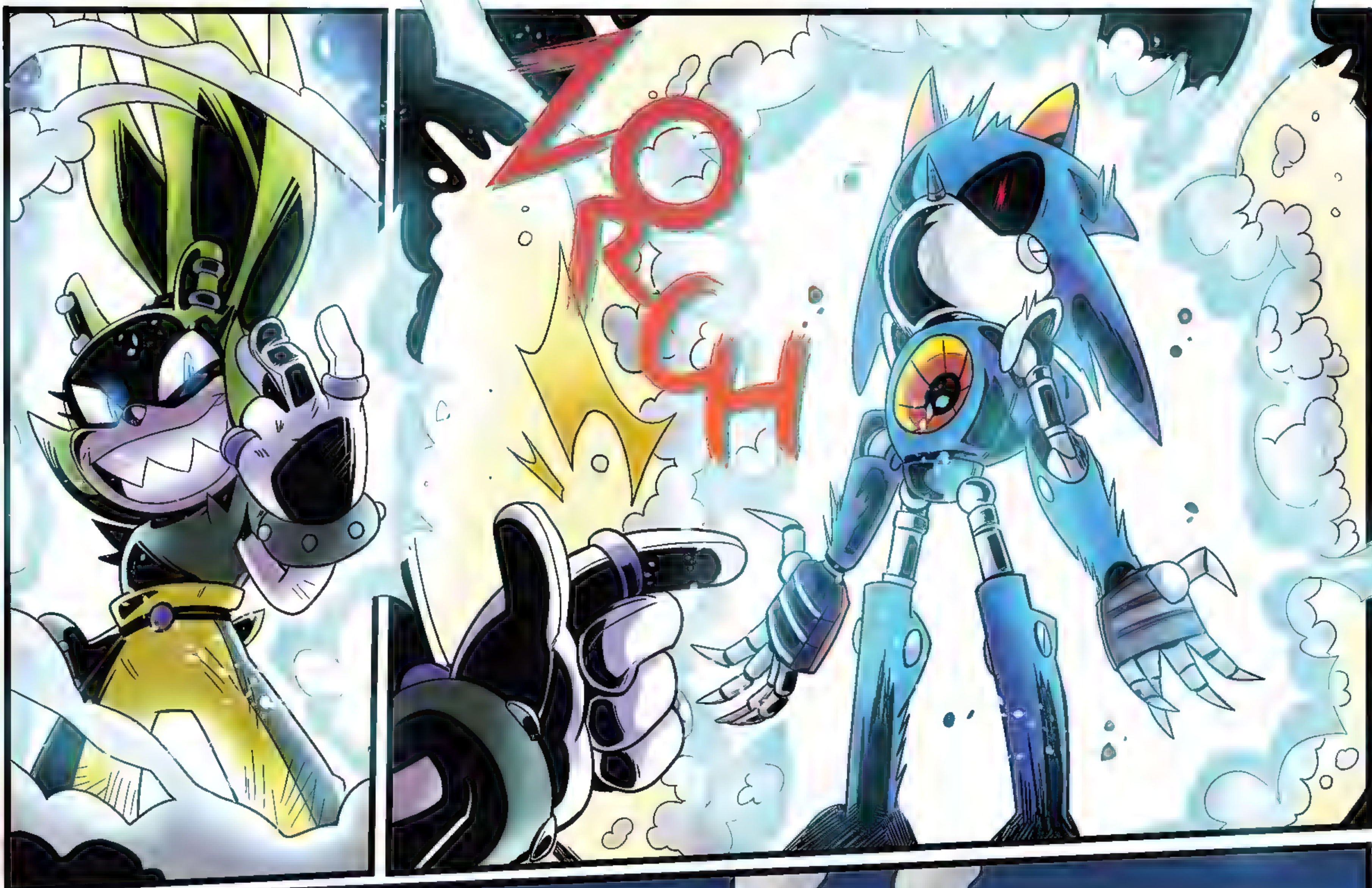


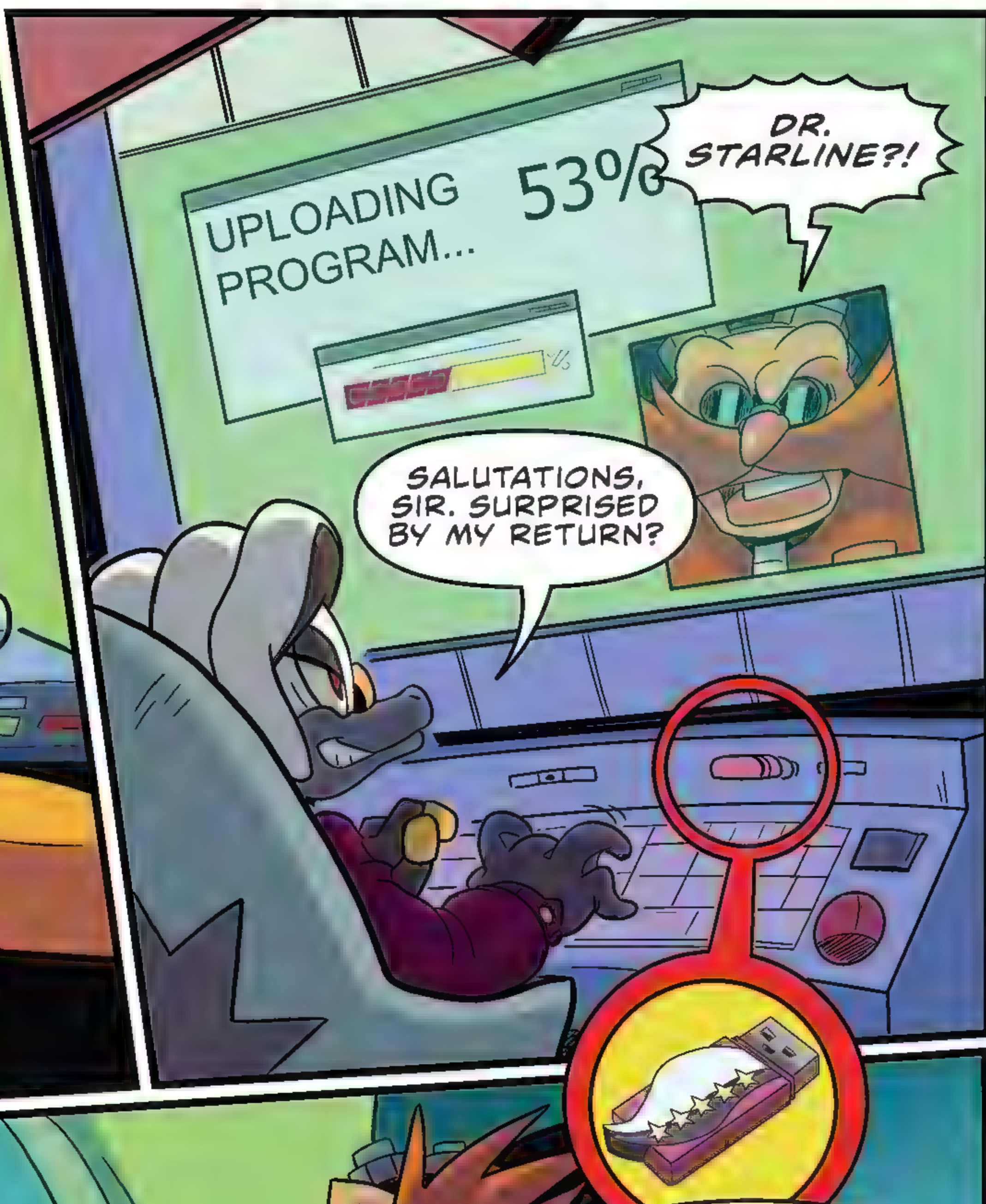


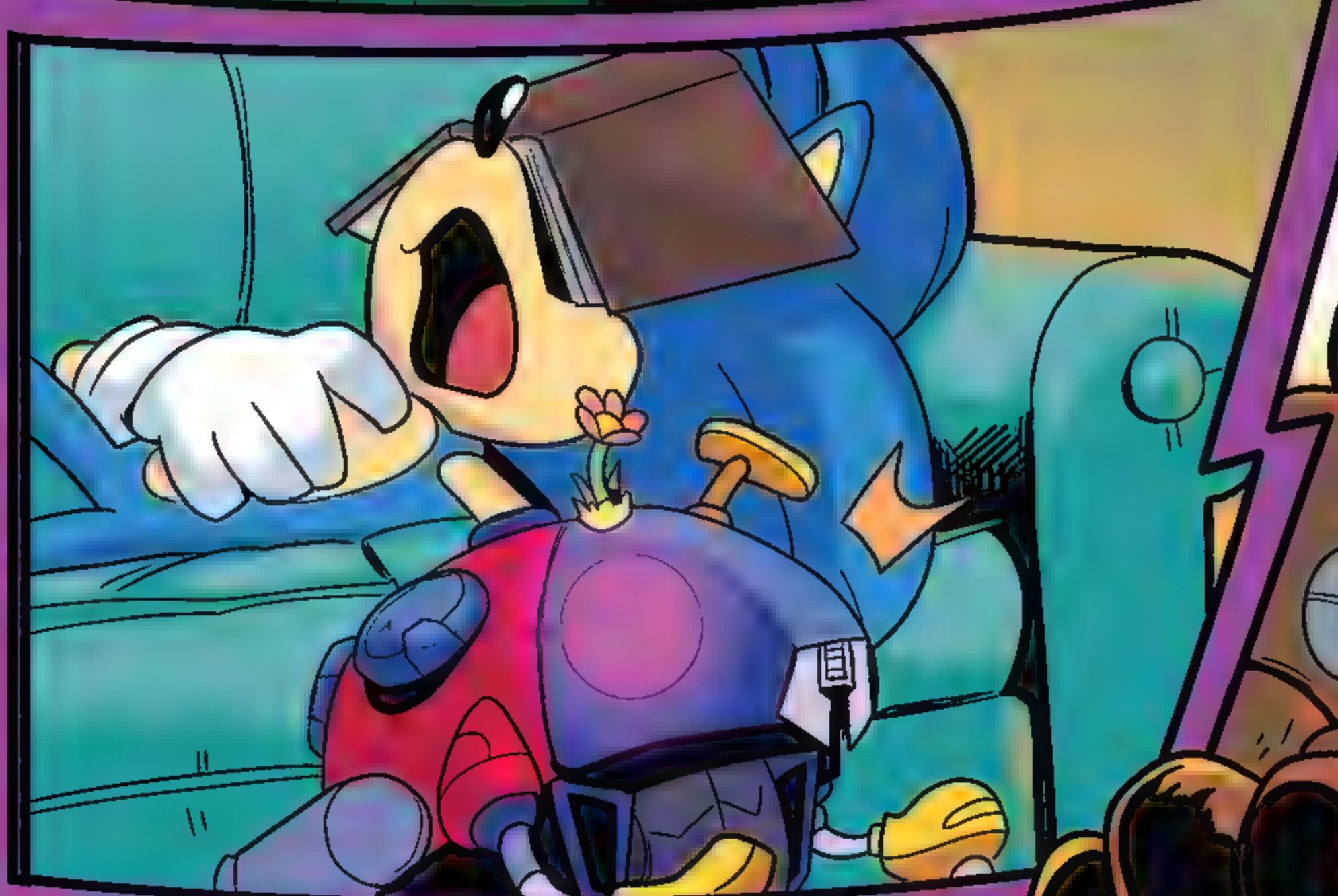
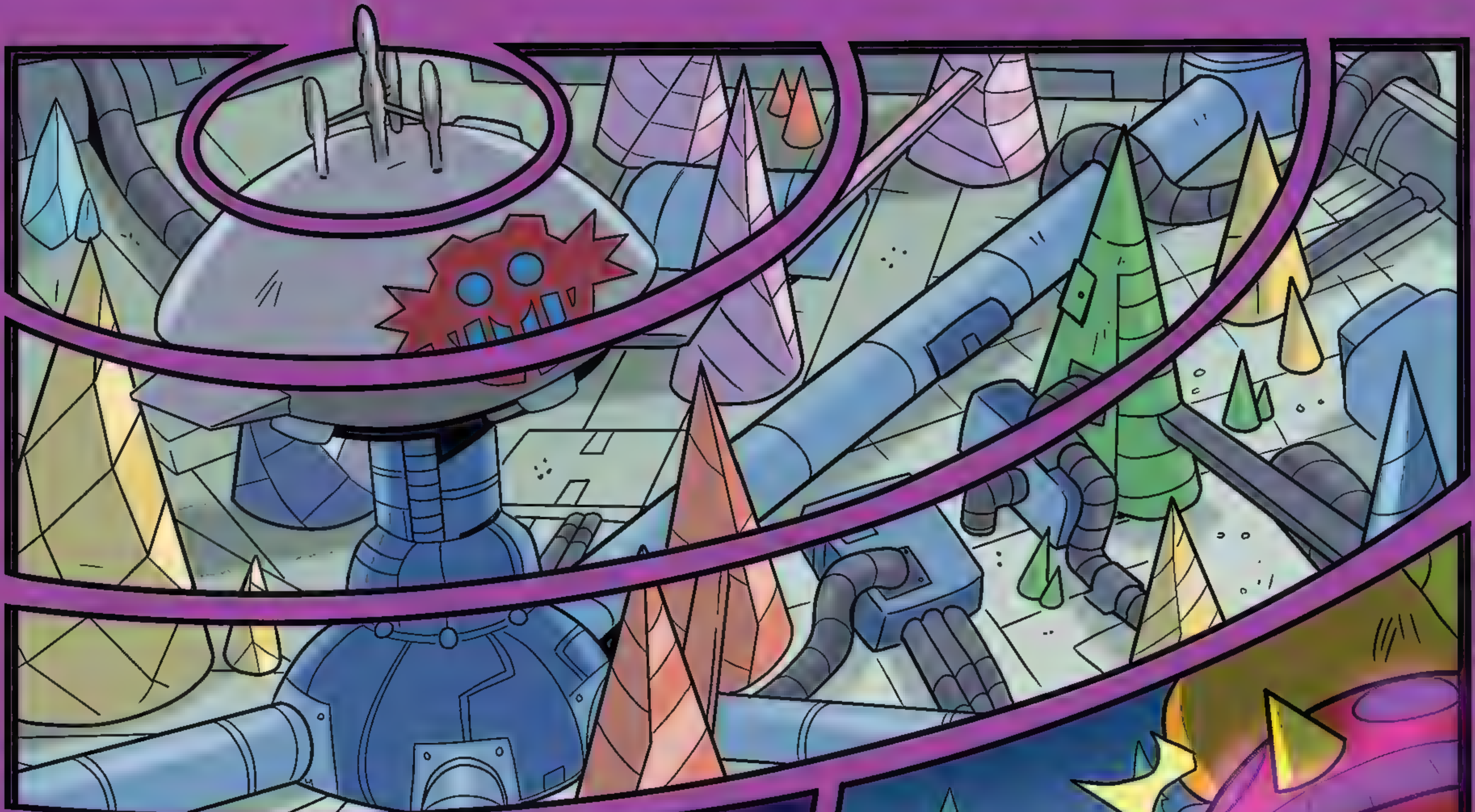






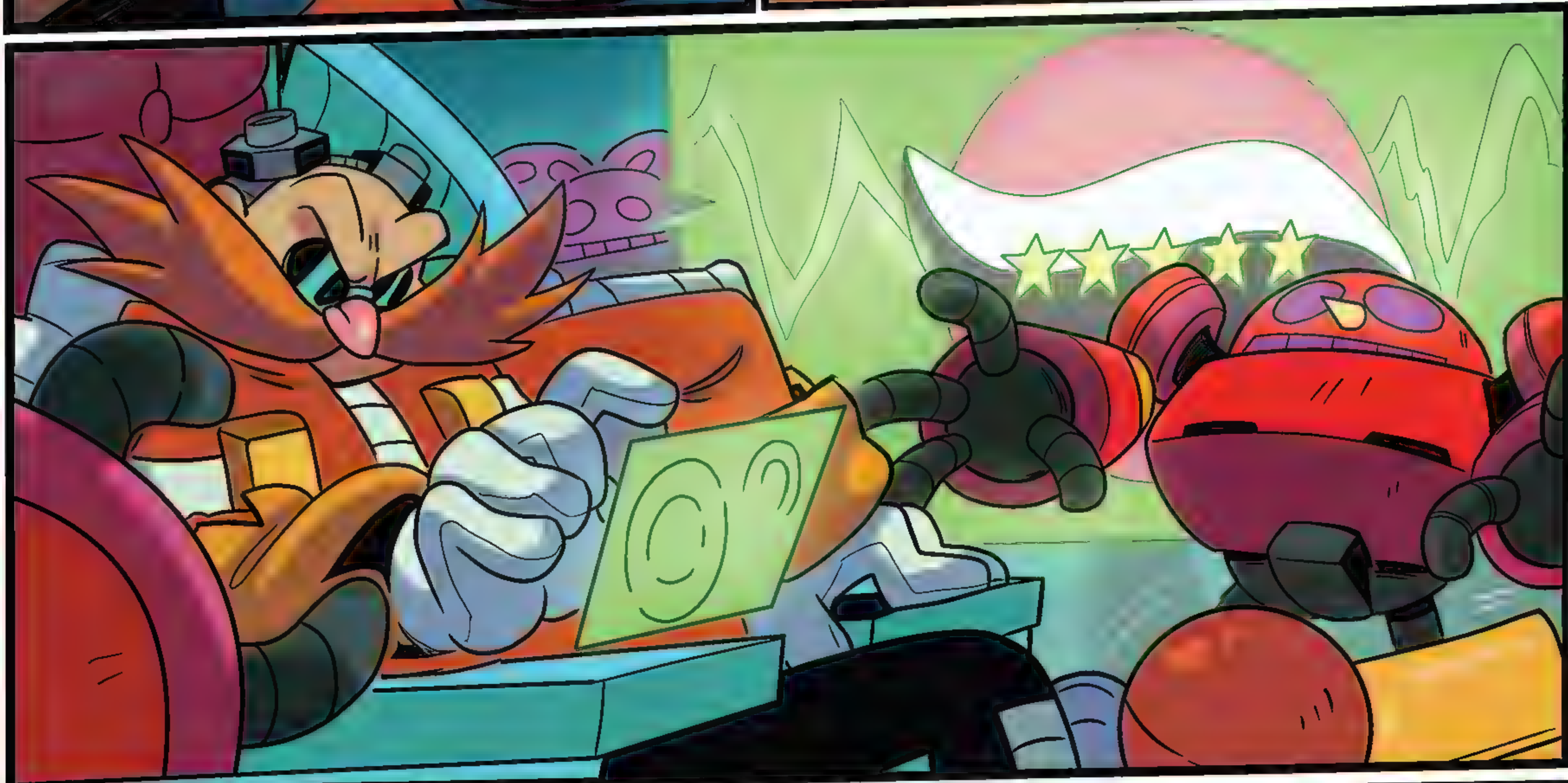
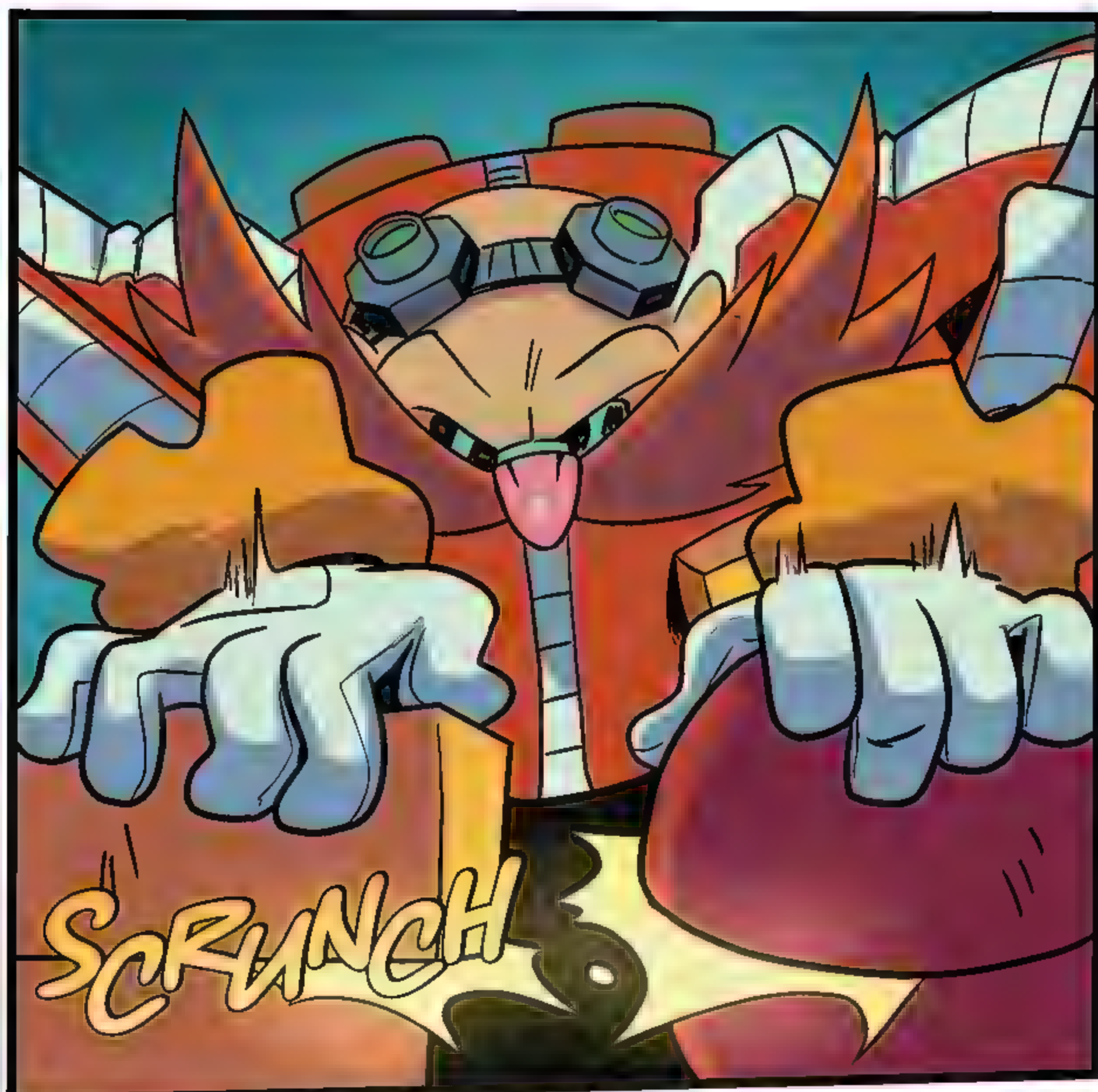


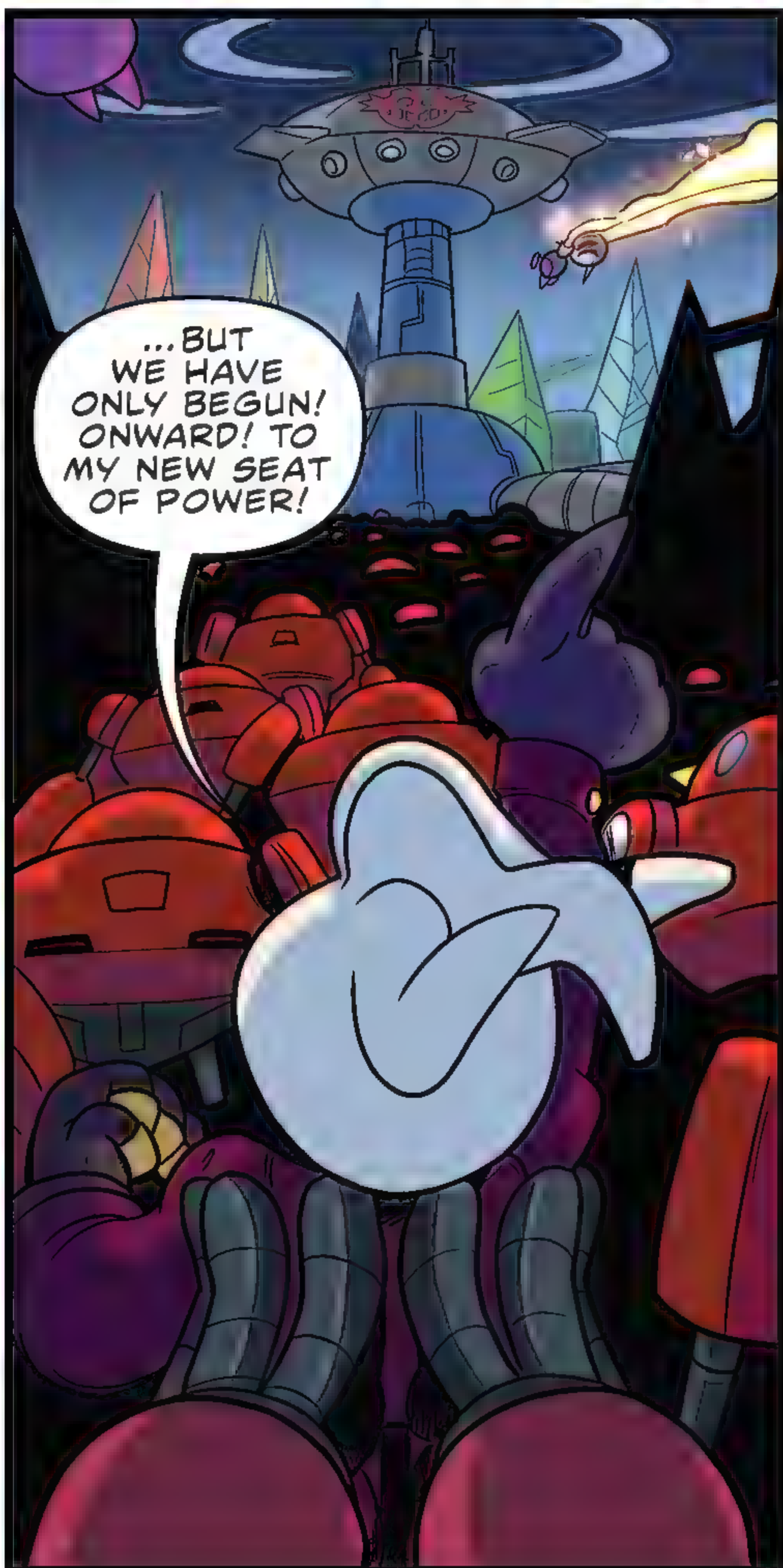


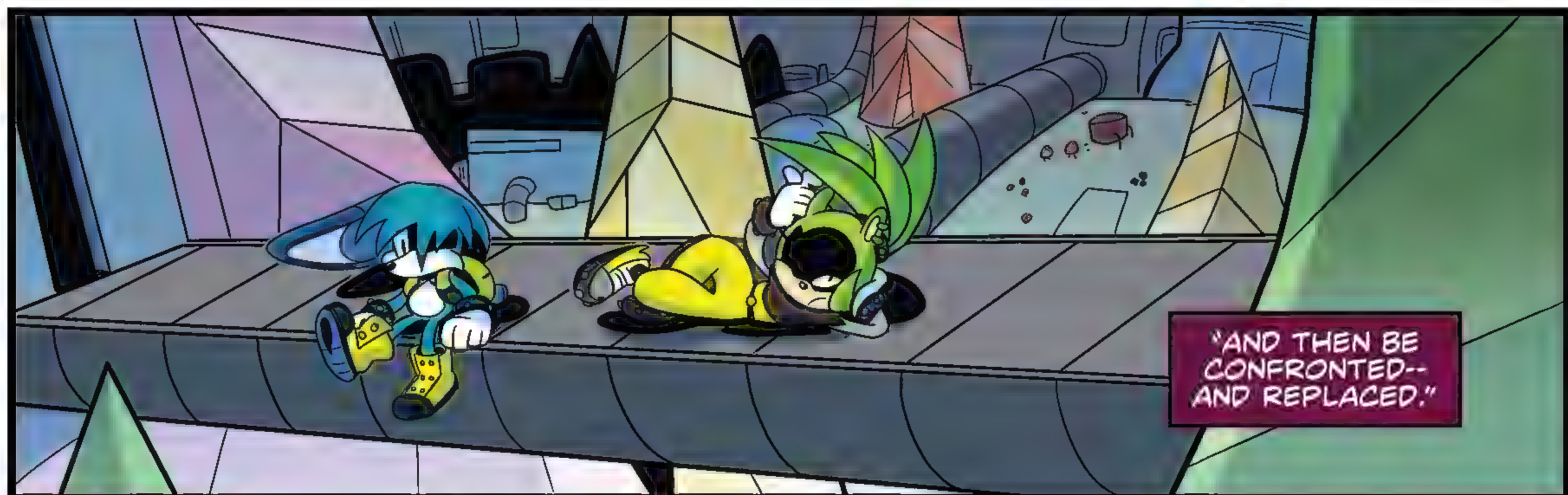
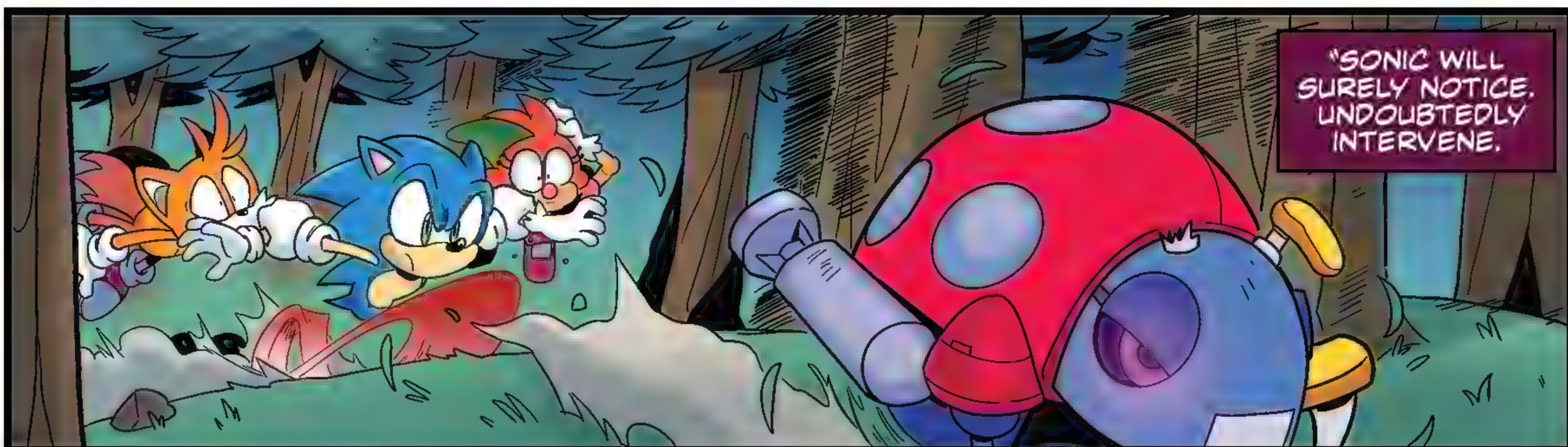


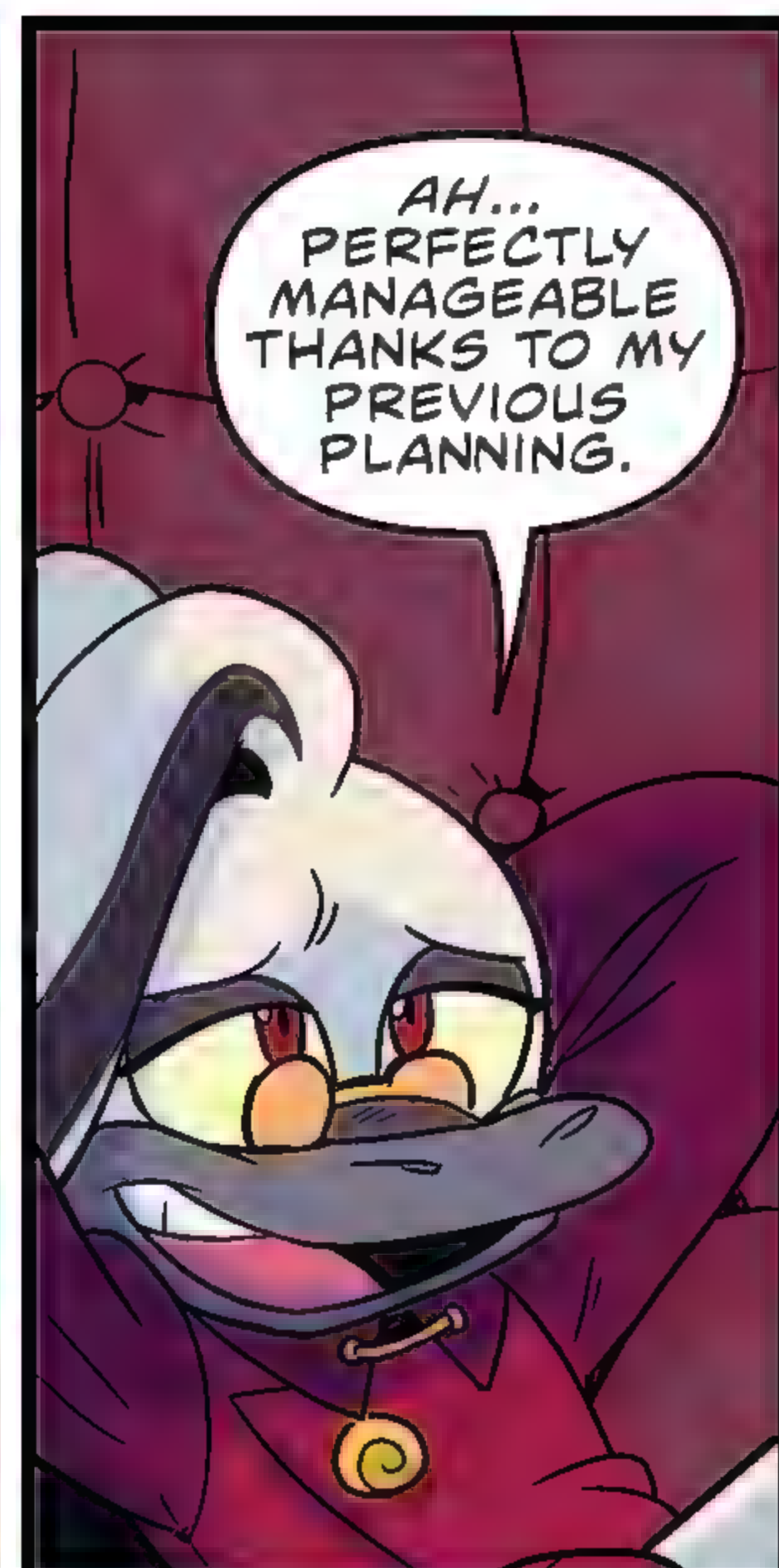
YOU'RE TO
BE CONFINED
TO QUARTERS,
OLD BOSS!

THE MASTER
COMMANDS IT!











THAT'S...
AN INCREDIBLE
NUMBER OF
BADNIKS...



MEH.
I COULD
TAKE 'EM.



ONCE WE SMOKE
STARLINE AND THE
OTHERS, I'LL GET
YOU TO REPROGRAM
THEM ALL TO
SELF-DESTRUCT.

WELL... HALF.
I WANT TO
SMASH SOME.
MOST. EH,
WE'LL FIGURE
IT OUT.

ABOUT
THAT...
HOW WILL
WE HANDLE
SONIC?

I
HANDLE
SONIC. YOU
HANDLE
TAILS.

B-B-B-
BUT...



IF THE EGOMANIAC
COMES IN SOLO, WE'LL
HANDLE HIM LIKE
METAL SONIC.

BUT IF HE'S
GOT THE BRAT IN
TOW, IT'S YOUR JOB
TO KEEP HIM FROM
DISTRACTING ME.



ONCE THE
"HEROES" AND
DOCTORS ARE DONE,
WE'RE FREE TO PLAY
IT BY EAR.

HUNT DOWN
ALL THEIR LITTLE
FRIENDS, TOPPLE
EVERY STUPID CITY
THAT THREW 'EM A
PARADE, TEAR IT ALL
DOWN. JUST YOU
AND ME, KID.

SOUND
GOOD?

I CAN'T
WAIT!

**NEXT TIME: SONIC & TAILS
VS. SURGE & KIT IN
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50!**



SONIC #50!



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Hello, Imposters! Poor Starline... His plans never work the way he intends. Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Thomas Rothlisberger, Gigi Dutreix, Valentina Pinto, and Shawn Lee for the final issue of Imposter Syndrome. Our inbox has been flooded with Imposter Syndrome art, so check out some below!

*Thank you for joining us, Squad. Please don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them, "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, pick up **Sonic The Hedgehog #50** to see the epic showdown!*



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